

**Friis, John**

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John, due to previously scheduled appointments, I had to leave the hearing room before I was called to testify. Please accept my testimony written below. Thank you.

My name is Keith Gunter, from East Hartford, my daughter attends Greater Hartford Classical Magnet School.

I support Senate Bill 946.

I agree with the testimony submitted by Timothy J. Sullivan Jr., principal of Classical Magnet School.

I am speaking before you today because I believe the magnet school curriculum is important and very effective in challenging my daughter to be the best student she is capable of being. This school is my daughter's best educational opportunity for a successful life. The statistics speak for themselves when considering the students successful admissions to colleges and universities nationwide. My wife and I chose to apply to the magnet schools for our children because of the ineffectiveness of the East Hartford public school system we witnessed first hand through our nieces and nephews experiences.

My daughter is thriving at Classical Magnet. She loves her classes, her teachers and all of the opportunities available to her there. In order to continue to attract the best students it is critical that the magnet schools



are adequately funded.

In closing, I support the commissioner's proposal as contained in Senate Bill 946. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today.